

Minutes of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board
Thompson Center, 9th Floor
January 25, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Mitch Weisz

Mr. Aaron Anderson, Painters District Council #30

Mr. David Buckman, CORE Construction

Mr. Michael Carrigan, AFL-CIO President

Mr. Frank Cavarretta, United Steel Workers

Mr. Mark Flannery, Caterpillar, Inc.

Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen Haskins, Nicholson & Menchetti

Mr. Gerald Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Mr. David Vite, Illinois Retail Merchants Association

Attending the meeting via conference call:

Mr. Michael Holewinski, Ace Industries

Ms. Kim Maisch, National Federation of Independent Business

Mr. Kim Presbrey, Presbrey & Associates

Also Attending the Meeting

Mr. Darrell Widen, IWCC Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Amy Masters, Secretary of the Commission

Mr. Ted Young, IT Manager

Acting Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Gerald Roper, seconded by Mark Flannery, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2010, were approved.

The meeting notice and agenda and minutes from the October 27, 2010 Workers' Compensation Advisory Board were distributed to the board members:

Chairman Weisz provided a Commission update. He indicated rules changes would be placed on hold due to potential workers' compensation reform measures this spring. He also provided a Commission staff and board update.

IT Manager Ted Young gave a technology presentation to the board regarding newly initiated projects, including network stabilization, computer updates, IT equipment inventory, wireless network, and email vaulting. Mr. Young answered questions from the board regarding pending and future projects and the procurement process.

Chairman Weisz spoke about Insurance Compliance, indicating that a fast-food restaurant in the Thompson Center was recently shut down due to non-compliance. As a result, other employers in the Thompson Center now have greater awareness and compliance in having workers' compensation insurance.

Chairman Weisz noted the division has collected over \$730,000 in finds for the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund this fiscal year, and has approximately \$500,000 in claims pending and another \$100,000 on appeal. He indicated a full payout of claims is possible at the end of the fiscal year, but will be dependent on total fines collected and claims pending at that time.

Chairman Weisz spoke about how the Commission's Self-Insurance Division and Self-Insurance Advisory Board were able to cooperatively work with two self-insured employers, YRC and United Airlines, to reach an agreement for a more accommodating bonding structure while still protecting the integrity of the fund.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. David Vite, seconded by Mr. Gerald Roper, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.